

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello all,

What a fantastic Open Gardens that was. It was so great to put faces to names & to get to know Elkstone a little better. The total that was raised is so impressive, a real testament to the amount of work that so many of you put into it, I think a grand of that may well have been from my kids trying to hit the clementine with the Lancaster Bomber!!

Thank you all for being so welcoming, Elkstone is such a special village to be a part of. I just wanted to cheekily use my bumbings to give you a heads up that I'm having a party for my big 40 on the weekend of the 20th July & some friends will be camping on the edge of Ian & Penny's field, superstars that they are, so please don't think there are squatters!

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline For Next Newsletter, 20th July

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Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling Food & Garden Waste – 5th & 19th July

Waste & Recycling All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 12th & 26th July

Indoor Bowls Every Tuesday 7.30 pm - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493

Art Club Every Thursday 9.00 am - Village Hall - Penny - 03330 119663

Diary Dates

Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	8 pm	24 th July
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Film About Churches	Cowley	12pm	7 th July
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Church Services July 2019 in St John's, Elkstone

7 th	11 am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Minns
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14 th	10 am	Family Worship	Rev Jan Moore
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21 st	11am	Holy Communion	Rev Arthur Champion
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28 th	11am	Rendcomb Church Holy Communion	Rev Bob Edy
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Elkstone Open Gardens 2019

A huge 'thank you' to all who helped in any way to this year's event. My apologies if I haven't seen you personally to express my gratitude.

Over £2,600 was raised to be shared between the Village Hall & St John the Baptist Church. This a fantastic achievement & exceeds last year's total. Some of our luck is down to the fact we had the driest day in a very wet spell but more important was the generosity of those in the village (and beyond) who gave their time & opened their gardens. A huge effort was visible on the day in serving refreshments, tractor rides, car parking etc., but I am also grateful to all those who helped behind the scenes & in the lead up to the event to make the day go as smoothly as possible.

I was able to visit nearly all the gardens & on two occasions visitors came up to me saying 'Is this your garden- how do you keep it looking so wonderful?' I had to admit that both gardens belonged to villagers with greener fingers than mine.

Thanks again to all for making the day such a success.

David Kearney

Elkstone Open Gardens - Village Hall Tea Room

I would like to thank everyone who helped in The Village Hall on Sunday June 9th. There was so much support from bakers whose contributions included gluten free, vegan as well as other wonderful cakes & tray bakes. We even sold some home-made bread. There were many compliments made by our customers. We are indebted to the sterling work of many in the kitchen who made the hot drinks, cleared the tables & sorted out the washing up & even understood how to use our industrial dishwasher.

We were busy all afternoon & for the first time ever we raised over £500. The hall looked lovely - flowers & bunting from villagers added to the welcome extended to our visitors.

Once again many thanks. You were all brilliant!

Jennie Howlett

Olive's Walk

I'm sure other villagers will have seen finger posts that have appeared in the last 6 months pointing to the route of Olive's Walk which passes through Elkstone. I googled & searched both Cotswold District & Glos County Council's websites but could find nothing. Eventually Glos CC put me on to Tewkesbury Walking Club. It was the club who have created the route in memory of Margery Boughton (aka Olive).

The club are sending me details of the walk & I will ask the Editor if these can be published in next month's newsletter.

David Kearney

Children's Tray Garden Competition

The Children at Coberley School took part in a competition to produce tray gardens- small gardens in a foil tray using mainly natural foraged items. In addition all children in the school took home a potted bedding flower that had been grown & generously provided by Colin Perkins. Thank you Colin.

The top nine winning teams' trays were displayed at the Open Gardens on the village green with one additional late entry. Visitors were asked to choose their favourite & nearly 140 votes were cast. The winner by a clear margin was Evie Macfarlane.

Congratulations to Evie & thanks to all who took part.

Three 'runners up' prizes of bird houses were kindly donated by Bromford Housing Association & are being put up at Coberley School.

Liz Kearney

What is the Parish Council?

Elkstone Parish Council is made up of local councillors, who meet regularly & is the first tier of local government closest to the people, being the only local government tier that represents residents at parish level.

The Parish Council are invited to comment on planning applications. They can advise the County & District authorities on the views of residents. The Parish Council works with, & for, our community. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public.

Meeting dates & details of the next meeting along with minutes of the last meeting are published on the notice board outside the village hall & in the Parish Council section on the Elkstone village website.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 24th July - Village Hall - 8pm.

Jane Thorn

Film Show About Elkstone, Cowley & Rendcomb Parish Churches

On Sunday 7th July three short films about these three parish churches will be shown after the service in Cowley (service at 11.00am & film at 12 noon.) Afterwards there will be a picnic in the New Rectory at Cowley, weather permitting. The plan is for people to bring their own picnic, or at least the savoury part of their lunch, & we will provide some puddings & drinks. Hopefully we can be outside in the garden.

Kitty & Bill Morgan are Episcopalians living in Florida but they have visited the Cotswolds so regularly as to become good friends particularly to the Elkstone congregation. Bill is internationally recognised for his academic work on the history of films whilst Kitty is artistically gifted & has made over 70 professional quality films including Cotswold parish churches.

Kitty says: "... the films are short, averaging 10 minutes each, & are not really documentaries - I think of them as meditative works with music, not narration. They are similar to a virtual tour, & they focus on wonderful artworks & historical details. I appreciate each church's individual charms, & enjoy sharing my creative endeavours

with others."

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14302/news/3924/film-show-about-cowley-elmstone-and-rendcomb-parish-churches/>

Arthur Champion (Revd) -Tel: 01242 870402 -New Rectory, Cowley

News From The Trust

In the month when celebrations of the D Day landings have filled the headlines I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have recently been named a Veteran Aware hospitals trust in recognition of our commitment to improving NHS care for veterans, reservists, members of the armed forces & their families. Our trust is now one of only 33 members of the VCHA & we are part of the second wave of hospital trusts to be accredited.

The accreditation from the Veterans Covenant Hospital Alliance (VCHA), acknowledges our commitment to a number of key pledges & comes as an acknowledgement of all the improvements we have made over the last twelve months for former & serving military personnel & their families, as part of our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. This has been possible due to the support from our staff, many of whom are either a veteran, a reservist or are a family member of someone serving in the armed forces. This month I also attended an event at Gloucestershire University Business School with whom we are working in partnership in establishing medical & nursing related apprenticeship degrees. The positivity & passion of the staff involved was incredibly. I have also, for some time now, been working to try to involve young people in the trust as I strongly believe that this is their hospital too & it is important that their voices are heard. With the support of Deborah Lee, our Chief Executive, (who organised a youth involvement group in Bristol), I am now organising an introductory meeting for young people aged 11 -21. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to hear their views about the trust & how they might like to be involved, but we will also have activities such as a chance to learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). As the date has not yet been finalised, but will be the end of July, if any young people are interested in attending please contact me for final details. Please spread the word! anne.davies11@nhs.net

Chorister Walk Thanks

Dear Everyone,

Thank you very much to everyone who sponsored me on my Chorister walk to Tewkesbury Abbey. I am so grateful because you have helped us to reach our target of £4000. We walked on Sunday 16th & the rain held off! We all had a great day although it was a little muddy after all the rain & we were all quite tired at the end! Thank you so much for supporting me.

Best wishes, **Jamie Richardson**